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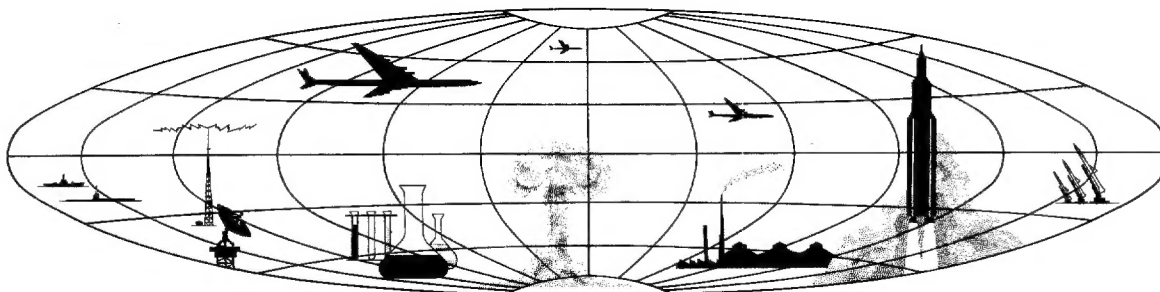


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REVIEW OF SUSPECT MISSILE SITES IN CUBA

This report is the third publication dealing with suspect missile sites in Cuba. 1/ 2/ The current report presents the results of a photographic study of 18 new areas in Cuba which, according to various information reports, contain suspect missile sites. A search of the best available

photography produced no positive evidence of missile facilities or activity at or near any of the locations.

Following each location is a brief description of the activity observed and photo and document references, including the date of photography examined and the date of the information given in the document.

1. Ermita Sugar Mill (20-11N 75-24W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a radius of 5 nautical miles (nm) of the Ermita Sugar Mill. Minor entrenchments were observed in the hills just to the south of the mill.

Mission:

Document: Army. 25 Jul 61.

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2. Loma de Aji (20-17N 76-20W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Loma de Aji. Road construction and mining were observed in the area.

Mission:

Document: CIA. 14 Aug 61.

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3. Jiguani (20-22N 76-28W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Jiguani. A road under construction was observed from Jiguani to the north.

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Document: CIA. 2 Oct 61.

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4. Palma Soriano (20-13N 76-00W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Palma Soriano. A road under construction was observed northeast of Palma Soriano.

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 Document: CIA. [REDACTED] 2 Jan 62 [REDACTED]
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5. Bahia de Cochinos (22-17N 81-13W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed in the vicinity of Bahia de Cochinos. Road construction and lumbering activity were observed in the area.

Mission: [REDACTED]
 Document: Army. [REDACTED] 28 Aug 61 [REDACTED]
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6. Cayo Frances (22-38N 79-12W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed on the island. A small settlement was observed on the western end of the otherwise completely wooded island.

Mission: [REDACTED]
 Document: Army. [REDACTED] 14 Jul 61 [REDACTED]
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7. Mina de Moa (20-40N 74-55W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Mina de Moa. Mining activity associated with the Mina de Moa Nickel Plant was observed.

Mission: [REDACTED]
 Document: CIA. [REDACTED] 15 Nov 61 [REDACTED]
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8. Wajay (23-00N 82-25W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Wajay. Minor conventional military defenses were observed near a rock quarry just north of Wajay.

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Document: AFIR. 1,455,526, 28 Jun 61

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9. Caraballo (23-04N 81-55W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Caraballo. A small military training area was observed 0.5 nm southeast of Caraballo.

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Document: CIA. 31 Oct 61

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10. San Francisco de Paula (23-04N 82-18W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of San Francisco de Paula. Minor conventional military defenses were observed just northwest of San Francisco de Paula.

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Document: Army. 17 Oct 61

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11. Sierra Morena (22-57N 80-32W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed in the Sierra Morena area. Three buildings under construction and a small arms range were observed at 22-57N 80-29W.

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Document: CIA. 2 Oct 61

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12. El Gabriel (22-49N 82-28W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of El Gabriel. Farming activity was observed in the area.

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Document: CIA. 15 Dec 60 (SECRET)

13. Bahia Honda (22-55N 83-12W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of Bahia Honda. Conventional military activity was observed in the bay area.

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Mission:

Documents: Army. 14 Jul 61

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14. Cabanas (22-58N 82-55W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed in the vicinity of Cabanas Bay. Conventional military defenses were observed throughout the bay area.

Mission:

Document: CIA. 26 Oct 61,

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15. San Marta (22-58N 82-37W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of San Marta. Conventional military defenses were observed throughout the San Marta area.

Mission:

Document: CIA. 19 Sep 61

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16. La Esperanza (22-46N 83-44W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed within a 5-nm radius of La Esperanza. Approximately 20 new storage-type buildings were observed 3 nm southeast of La Esperanza.

Mission:

Document: CIA. 6 Sep 61

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17. Los Organos Mountains (22-25N 84-00W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed in or near Los Organos Mountains. Local activity consists of farming and lumbering.

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18. Cayo Romano (22-04N 77-50W)

No identifiable missile activity was observed on Cayo Romano. The island consists of woods and swamp areas.

Mission: [redacted]

Document: Army. [redacted] 28 Aug 61 [redacted]

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